

pixels in the same raster image, as claimed in claim 1. Further, the Examiner indicated that Shaughnessy does not disclose, teach or suggest a raster image processor that creates a raster image of the color image, the raster image processor provided with an overmarking function that allows both the at least one first color and the second color to be included in the overmarked pixels of the same raster image, as claimed in claim 10.

II. Conclusion

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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